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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: Unassigned)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE)	
PROCESSING SYSTEM, OUTPUT)	
DEVICE, COMPUTER READABLE)	
RECORDING MEDIUM AND IMAGE)	
PROCESSING METHOD)	

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A copy of each of the listed documents is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The following is a concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language documents listed.

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-262157. The relevance of this document is discussed on page 16 of the above-identified specification and in the attached English-language abstract.

2. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-210313. The relevance of this document is discussed on page 16 of the above-identified specification and in the attached English-language abstract.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-65930. The relevance of this document is discussed on page 28 of the above-identified specification and in the attached English-language abstract.

4. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-149322. The relevance of this document is discussed in the attached English-language abstract.

5. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-102865. The relevance of this document is discussed on page 16 of the above-identified specification and in the attached English-language abstract.

6. Publication by N. Ohta, entitled "Shikisai Kougaka (Color Engineering)": This document discloses color engineering, especially about color appearance models by von Kries and Nayatani et al.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or

constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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